

13 DIE IN STORM

WIND, LIGHTNING AND FLOODS RAVAGE MISSOURI, KANSAS AND OTHER STATES.

RAIL PRESIDENT DROWNS

His Car Swept Into Stream as He Investigates Havoc—Son Also Lost—Tracks of Many Roads Washed Out—Farmers Are Killed by Bolts.

Kansas City, Mo., June 21.—Thirteen persons were killed as a result of the wind and rain storms that prevailed on Friday in this section of the Southwest. More than a score of others were injured.

Five members of the family of John Iruges, a farmer near Onarga, in Pottawatomie county, were killed and two seriously injured in a tornado which swept the county, according to reports received at the Topeka offices of the Union Pacific railroad. The same report asserted that houses were wrecked and stock was killed and much other property damage done.

Three persons lost their lives at Richmond, Mo., when a terrific wind-storm swept that section of Ray county. Mrs. Arthur Covey and her small child, and Mrs. Mary Bell were the victims. The Covey residence was lifted from its foundation, carried fifty yards and demolished. Mrs. Covey and her child were buried in the wreckage. Mrs. Bell was struck by lightning.

Oc Williams, a farmer, and his wife, living near Richmond, were struck by wreckage when their home was swept away. Both were seriously injured.

At Westmoreland, Kan., Charles Morris, president of the Westmoreland Interurban railroad; his son Guy and John Gunther, a druggist, drowned when a bridge gave way under the gasoline car which is operated on the railroad. Five other persons who were on the car escaped. The accident followed a cloudburst.

Gene Nichols, a farmer, living near Wamego, was killed by lightning.

At Asaria, Kan., near Salina, Oscar Olson, a twelve-year-old boy, was seriously injured when a team he was driving became frightened at the storm and ran away. Ernest Brandt, a farmer, was struck by lightning at Beatrice, Neb. He will die.

The farmhouse of Joseph Gregg, three miles south of Latour, Mo., was blown to pieces by the wind. His aged aunt, Mrs. Altman, was killed. Another aunt residing with him, a Mrs. Gregg, was injured, it is thought fatally. Gregg and his wife escaped.

Many miles of railroad track were swept away and all trains entering Kansas City were hours behind schedule. Southern and northern trains were marked from four to five hours late, while eastern and western connections were from one to three hours behind. Because of washouts between Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri Pacific trains were routed over the tracks of the Santa Fe road.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Paris, June 19.—Lieut. Reginald A. J. Warneford, the Canadian aviator who won the Victoria Cross and the Legion of Honor by destroying a Zeppelin over Belgium with a bomb, was killed on Thursday by falling from his aeroplane at Duc, France.

London, June 17.—John E. Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, is suffering from ptomaine poisoning and will be unable for some time to attend sessions of parliament.

London, June 18.—Word was received here on Wednesday that the steamer Strathairn was torpedoed in the Irish channel. Twenty-two members of the crew are thought to have been drowned. The vessel was of 4,336 tons. The Dutch fishing boat Brokens has been blown up by a mine on the Belgian coast. Four of the crew were drowned.

MEXICO PEACE BELIEVED NEAR

President Wilson Takes Optimistic View of Situation—Sees Villa Envoys.

Washington, June 17.—Statements made by President Wilson and Manuel Bonilla, the envoy of General Villa, indicated an optimistic view regarding an early peaceful settlement of affairs in Mexico. President Wilson told callers that the situation in Mexico seems to be taking shape.

"A peaceful arrangement can be made, and I have very strong hopes that it will be reached," said Bonilla.

The state department waited with interest the receipt of General Carranza's reply to the telegram sent him by General Villa, proposing discussion of arrangements establishing permanent peace.

Prominent Kentuckians Hit. Rockport, Ky., June 21.—Fifteen prominent citizens of Rockport were arrested charged with murder in connection with killing of Harrison Maddox in raid of "possum hunters" on negro section of this place April 29.

Villa Troops Retreating. Washington, June 21.—A dispatch from Vera Cruz to the Carranza agency here said General Villa was evacuating Aguascalientes, retreating northward, and that the advancing Carranza forces had reached Castro.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT



INDIANAPOLIS NEWS.

AIRMEN KILL ELEVEN MARINES TO MEXICO

KARLSRUHE IS BOMBARDED BY ALLIED AEROPLANES.

Berlin Says One Machine Was Brought Down by German Flyers and Occupants Killed.

Berlin, June 17.—Main headquarters gave out the following report on Tuesday:

The open town of Karlsruhe, which is far from the theater of operations and not in any way fortified, was attacked with bombs dropped by enemy airmen. Eleven civilians were killed and six injured. One of the aircraft was brought down by our military airmen and the occupants killed. Another of the enemy aircraft was obliged to land near Schirmeck.

In the western theater a further defeat was suffered by the French. In spite of the heavy losses they sustained on June 13, they continued to attempt to break through our line between Lieven and Arras. The attack broke down everywhere, with extremely heavy losses.

Northwest of the Moulou Sous Touvent we have not yet succeeded in regaining the portions of trenches lost by us on the 6th.

In the Champagne, north of Perthes and Lesmesnil, the fighting continues, but the enemy has been unable to gain any advantage.

DISCUSS NOTE WITH KAISER

United States Envoy to See Emperor Before Reply is Made.

Washington, June 17.—One of the most important of the developments of the day which officials believe was promoted from Washington, is that Ambassador Gerard is to have a talk with Kaiser Wilhelm himself before Germany sends her reply to Washington. Officials do not deny that such a meeting is to take place, and they all realize its overwhelming importance.

In connection with this proposed meeting comes the statement from Berlin that Germany was at first led to believe that the United States would not undertake to mediate between Germany and England on the subjects of the submarine attacks on neutral vessels and England's refusal to let foodstuffs go into Germany.

RUSS ADMIT LOSS OF TOWNS

Great Battle Along the San River Continues—Gains for the Teutons.

Petrograd, June 19.—Occupation by the Germans of additional villages in the Shavli district and farther south in the region east of Mariampol is admitted by the Russians in a statement issued on Thursday at the war office. The great battle along the San in West Galicia is reported to be continuing fiercely with fresh Austro-German forces constantly entering the combat.

U-14 IS SUNK BY BRITISH

Report That German Submarine Was Destroyed is Confirmed by Berlin Admiralty.

Berlin, June 17 (via Amsterdam).—The announcement recently made by A. J. Balfour in the house of commons that a German submarine had been sunk by the British is confirmed by the German admiralty. It is stated that the lost submarine was the U-14.

Bridge Collapses; Six Killed. Cleveland, O., June 19.—From two to six men were killed and from six to twenty injured when steel work on a new high-level bridge being constructed over the Cuyahoga river collapsed here on Thursday.

Girl's Throat Cut. Cincinnati, June 19.—The body of eleven-year-old Elizabeth Nolte was found wrapped in a sheet, lying in the rear yard of her home. The child's throat had been cut and she had been otherwise mistreated.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WILL RESCUE AMERICANS.

Yaquis Take to Warpath and Threaten Settlers in the State of Sonora.

Washington, June 18.—Six hundred marines and bluejackets have been ordered to proceed to the rescue of about one hundred Americans near Esperanza, state of Sonora, Mexico, where Yaqui Indians are again on the warpath.

The expeditionary force of sailors and marines will be under the command of Rear Admiral Howard, now on his flagship, the Colorado, in Tobarí bay. The Raleigh and the Buffalo are watching the situation at Guaymas. These vessels, however, have not sufficient force to deal with the savages.

Consul Hostetter, at Hermosillo, has reported Indians in Esperanza valley have destroyed crops and horses and are threatening the lives of the settlers. The Americans are about twenty-five miles in the interior.

All Mexican leaders have been notified the United States intends no territorial aggression.

Galveston, Tex., June 18.—Villa's forces occupied Monterey after a desperate battle lasting 12 hours, according to advices received here. The battle began with fury in the morning when the outposts of the city were stormed. These advices received in Villa circles declare that several hundred of Carranza's men were killed in the battle and that large supplies of arms and ammunition were taken. It is also declared that several hundred of the defeated forces have joined Villa's army. In Carranza circles no report of the battle had been received.

BRITISH FORCE IS WIPED OUT

Berlin Reports an Attacking Column Virtually Destroyed by the Germans—Attempt to Break Line.

Berlin, Germany, June 21 (via London).—Official announcement was made here on Friday that a force of the allies which attacked German positions north of LaBassee canal was destroyed, only a few succeeding in retreating.

London, June 21.—French forces operating on German territory in Alsace renewed the terrific offensive movement along the Fecht river, crossing that stream and capturing the outskirts of the important city of Metzeral and bringing up artillery to a point where the German line of communication to Munster, the base of southern operations, is now under bombardment.

The official statement of Sir John French claims new advances for the British east of Festubert and says the gains east of Ypres have been held with the exception of a section of the German second line trenches.

TURK TRANSPORTS ARE SUNK

Five Thousand Troops Drowned in Golden Horn—Vessels Torpedoed by British Submarine.

London, June 19.—Nearly five thousand men lost their lives when three Turkish transports were sunk in the Golden Horn, in the harbor of Constantinople, by a British submarine, according to a dispatch received from Tenedos on Thursday. Only a few of the soldiers were saved.

Baseball as Insanity Cure. San Bernardino, Cal., June 21.—Baseball as an insanity cure is to be tried at the state hospital here. The first game of a series to be played was made up of patients and attendants. The effect will be carefully noted.

Wabash Owes \$30,579,382. St. Louis, Mo., June 21.—The liabilities of the Wabash railroad are \$30,579,382, while its cash on hand is little over \$12,000, according to a report filed in the federal court here by the receivers of the Wabash.

PLOT TO EMBROIDER U.S.

AMBASSADOR BERNSTORFF DENIES GERHARD IS KAISER'S SPY FOR GERMANY.

CALLS CHARGES GROUNDLESS

Detective Agency Employed by Enemies to Circulate False Reports, Envoy From Germany Declares—Von Jagow Sees Special Agent.

Berlin, via London, June 19.—Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, who sailed from New York June 4 on a mission to the German government from Count von Bernstorff, reached Berlin on Wednesday.

He had a protracted conference with Foreign Minister von Jagow and Minister Solf of the colonial office.

The report that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard is in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the supply department of the German army, was denied authoritatively.

Washington, June 19.—Developments which promise to make the case a sensation of some importance occurred in connection with the charges that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, for whom the state department obtained safe passage to Germany, was in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the supply division of the German army.

The state department received from the German embassy at Cedarhurst, L. I., an official denial of the charges, and a statement from the German ambassador that the publication of the charges was likely to operate against his efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the controversy between this government and Germany.

In several other instances of late where publicity was given to charges against the German ambassador and members of his staff the view of the German government, now disclosed for the first time, was that the charges originated with a detective agency employed by Germany's enemies.

The state department gave out the following statement, including the denial of the ambassador:

"The department of state has received a telegram from the German counselor, dated June 16, calling attention to articles appearing in yesterday's papers in regard to an alleged breach of confidence on the part of the ambassador in sending a secret German gun agent to Berlin in place of Doctor Gerhard, the Red Cross delegate. In reference to these articles the ambassador states as follows:

"It is unnecessary for me to assure you that the story circulated by these articles is untrue from beginning to end. It contains a personal attack upon the ambassador and his delegate, Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, and is likely at the same time to nullify the sincere and earnest efforts of the ambassador to bring about an understanding between the United States and Germany in the Lusitania question."

CAPT. STOREN FOUND GUILTY

Ex-Police Officer of Chicago is Fined \$1,000 and Sergeant is Sentenced to Three Years in Joliet.

Chicago, June 18.—Capt. James O'Dea Storen and Detective Sergeant Michael Weissbaum, formerly of the Maxwell police station, were found guilty on Wednesday of conspiracy to commit burglary by a jury in Judge Dever's court. Sergeant Frederick Roth, who was indicted with them, was acquitted. Punishment for Captain Storen was fixed at a \$1,000 fine, while Weissbaum was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at Joliet.

Nathan Steinberg, head of the "million-dollar burglar trust," his chief lieutenant, Isadore Wexler, and other members of the organization were witnesses for the prosecution. They testified that they paid various sums of money to the police officials for protection while they were committing burglaries in the Maxwell street police precinct.

ALLIES' SHIPS FLEE TURKS

Fleet Seeks Refuge From Submarines—Sheltered in Bay Ten Miles From Gallipoli.

Berlin, June 21.—A correspondent at Constantinople says that, permitted to visit the Gallipoli peninsula, he was reliably informed that the British fleet has taken refuge from German submarines in Kefala bay, on the northeast coast of Imbros island, distant about ten miles from the Gallipoli coast. The British ships could be seen from heights on shore at anchor in the bay.

On three different occasions the Turks have been successful in exploding mines under British vessels in their place of refuge.

Former G. A. R. Head is Dead. Davenport, Ia., June 21.—E. H. Buck, past department commander of the Illinois G. A. R., died at the home of his daughter here. His home for years was in Rock Island. Death followed a stroke of apoplexy.

Germans Sink Norwegian Ship. Copenhagen, June 21.—According to the newspapers here the German auxiliary cruiser Meteor sank the Norwegian lumber ship Granem, 15 miles south of Christiansand on Friday morning.

FAIR WILL PROVIDE SHELTER

Board of Agriculture Making Improvements Which Will House Over 40,000 Visitors.

Improvements now being completed by the state board of agriculture on the state fair grounds will permit housing of more than 40,000 people during a downpour by September 1. An extensive system of walks has been laid out and the drainage system of the grounds has been improved so space for exhibits under roof will amply provide for "rainy-day" crowds.

An elaborate system of flower beds, including an artistic landscape garden, will add much to the grounds. Swine barns and other structures have been remodeled to be strictly sanitary.

The color of cotton fabrics should be set before washing. To shrink cotton material before making into garments, set the color and dip into warm water. Then change to cold water and let it remain awhile. Next hang in the shade, keeping the selvages straight. Iron on the wrong side. Wash cotton material with white soap and rinse well. Boil white materials only. A few colors, notably black and some reds, can be boiled safely. A scrap of material should be tested, however, before boiling such garments. Do not use bluing for blue, pink, tan or cream colored fabrics. Never wash two colors together.—Department of Home Economics, University of Nebraska.

The number of graduates from the College of Agriculture of the University of Nebraska this year is 25 per cent greater than that of last year. The total number of graduates is 45, representing twenty-seven counties and including those in the extreme northern, southern, eastern and western portions of the state. Those counties from which two or more graduates came are Dawson, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Lancaster, Nuckolls and Richardson. A questionnaire sent to the graduates indicates that nearly all of the graduates expect to return to the farm, do some special kind of agricultural work, or teach agriculture or home economics.

The State Railway commission has turned down the application of patrons of the Wymot branch of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad for an increase in passenger rates on that road from Wymot to Sioux City. The application called for two passenger trains each way in addition to the present service. The commission in refusing the request suggested that a discontinuance of one of the freight trains and the putting on of a passenger train in its place might relieve the situation.

The state superintendent has completed the division of the temporary school fund among the various counties of the state and warrants are being forwarded. The fund for the semi-annual period is \$470,637.04. From this amount \$2,156.86 is taken to correct errors of previous apportionments, leaving \$468,480.18 to be apportioned among 368,313 pupils entitled to share, which makes a per capita distribution of \$1,271.93.

Adjutant General Hall of the Nebraska National guard has issued a schedule of instructions for the officers' camp, to be held at Lincoln, June 20 to 26. The officers are to be organized into infantry companies, and to be drilled and disciplined as such. Field officers and officers who have attended previous camps of instruction will go into Company A; all other commissioned officers into Company B; and all non-commissioned officers in Company C.

The state board of control, after an investigation of the cause of the death of Charles Steckelberg, an inmate of the Norfolk asylum for the insane, on May 27, has come to the conclusion that no blame can attach to any employee of the institution. The board also clears the attendant, Newsom, who was scuffling with him, and ad-

The state railway commission has granted the Milburn & Anselmo Telephone Co. of Merna permission to raise its rates from \$1 to \$1.50 a month. The necessity for the increase was so obvious, according to the majority of the members of the commission, that an open hearing was not held.

Attorney Ed P. Smith of Omaha, who has been retained by the State Railway commission to conduct the case of the state in the rate hearings on order No. 19, had a conference with the commission last week. The matter will come up for hearing in Omaha on June 28 before the Interstate Commerce commission.

Secretary Sheehan of the State Board of Charities, who generally spends his vacation at the lakes in Brown county, has received a letter from R. L. Snyder, who keeps the hotel at Endrus lake, stating that the fish have all been killed in the lakes of Brown county and most of those in Cherry county. He sent postcard pictures showing the fish which had been killed, some of them being bass weighing six to seven pounds. He says it will be six years before fishing will again be good in those lakes.

REVEAL BIG FRAUDS

VIOLATORS OF OLEO LAW COSTS GOVERNMENT MILLIONS.

INVESTIGATION MADE PUBLIC

Forty-two Convicted and Twenty-nine Have Been Given Sentence Since January First.

Washington.—How violators of the oleomargarine law have defrauded the federal government out of at least \$27,000,000 due in stamp and special taxes was revealed by Secretary McAdoo, in a statement based upon a preliminary report on a sweeping investigation conducted by Commissioner Osborn of the internal revenue bureau.

Frauds committed as long ago as 1902, immediately after the enactment of the law, have been uncovered by the commissioner. He began his inquiry some months ago, but until recently no inkling had been given of the wide scope of the investigation or of its results.

Unpaid taxes aggregating \$851,000 have been recovered and deposited in the treasury, "with the prospect of further very heavy collections." Forty-two violators of the law have been convicted since January 1, and twenty-nine of these have been given prison sentences. Fines aggregating \$148,000 have been assessed in addition to the recoveries actually made, and the announcement declares that while the fraudulent practices of this sort have probably been checked, the investigation will be continued and every law-breaker brought to justice.

The announcement shows that since 1902 more than 200,000,000 pounds of colored oleomargarine have been manufactured and fraudulently sold as uncolored oleo.

Wife of Prison Warden Killed.

Joliet, Ill.—Mrs. Edmund M. Allen, the young wife of the warden of the state penitentiary here and former comic opera favorite, was found dead and burned in her bed in the warden's suite in the penitentiary. A wound on the left temple and the rapidity with which the flames charred her body almost beyond recognition gave rise to the belief that she had been stunned by a blow on the head, and her night clothes soaked with alcohol and ignited. A bottle which had contained alcohol was found in the room, together with a heavy water bottle which might have been the instrument with which she was struck. An examination showed she had not been outraged. Mrs. Allen was formerly a prima donna of a company presenting "The Merry Widow." Her maiden name was Odette Maizee Bordeaux, and her home Los Angeles. Joseph Campbell, a negro convict, who acted as the Allen's house servant and who lived in the warden's suite was placed in solitary confinement after a committee of prison officials had investigated the fire. He will be charged with murder, it was said.

Riot Causes Great Loss.

Petrograd.—Moscow suffered damage to the extent of \$20,000,000 during the recent anti-German demonstrations, in which nearly 500 stores and factories and more than 200 private lodgings were wrecked.

The mobs turned the city into wild disorder, according to eye witnesses. The rioters, heated with liquor which they found in demolished wine stores, became reckless in their pillaging, setting fire to and destroying many stores and apartments, the owners of which were Russians. Of the total number of buildings destroyed only 113 belonged to Austro-German subjects. The demonstrations began early June 9 and lasted more than twenty-four hours. The number of fatalities is not known.

Admits Sale of Arms by America O. K.

Berlin.—Writing in the Tageblatt, Prof. Jastrow upheld the American contention that the United States does not violate neutrality by permitting the sale of arms to the allies.

From the legal standpoint, he said, the American argument that the allies' control of the seas alone makes them the sole purchasers is sound.

Prof. Jastrow, however, declared that since the United States has taken this position it would be impossible for her to play the role of peace-maker. Other Berlin newspapers devote columns to whether the United States is justified in selling arms to Germany's enemies.

Thaw Gets Jury Trial.

New York.—The state has lost its fight to prevent a jury trial demanded by Harry K. Thaw to decide legally whether or not he is insane. If he is declared sane, he will go free; if insane, he will be sent back to Matteawan.

C. W. Bryan Denies It.

Lincoln, Neb.—C. W. Bryan, associate editor of the Commoner, denies the report that negotiations are on foot to transfer the publication to Denver, Colorado.